

**Maiden Point Farm Tobacco Barn**  
**CH-725**  
**Issue vic.**  
**Private**

**Circa 1840**

The Maiden Point Tobacco Barn is associated with a 122.5 acre parcel on Cuckold's Creek known as the Maiden Point Farm and the nearby 18th century dwelling also known as Maiden Point (CH-130). The barn is believed to have been built in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and includes a timber frame structure with sheds attached to the northwest and southwest elevations. The shed on the southwest eave end is original. Maiden Point Farm Tobacco Barn is one of a dwindling number of early 19<sup>th</sup> century tobacco barns in Charles County.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Maiden Point Tobacco Barn

other

## 2. Location

street and number	11900 Maiden Point Road	not for publication
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city, town	Issue	X	vicinity
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county Charles

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robinette D. Ross

street and number 11900 Maiden Point Farm telephone 301-259-2442

city, town	Newburg	state	MD	zip code	20664
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 86 p.43

city, town	La Plata	liber	2911	folio	133
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

## 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources</b>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<b>previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	c. 1830	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	c. 1830		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Maiden Point Farm Tobacco Barn is one of a dwindling number of early 19th century tobacco barns in Charles County. Constructed circa 1830, the tobacco barn was part of Maiden Point Farm consisting of almost 125 acres. The farm's focal point was a 1 1/2 story brick dwelling constructed a century before by members of the Edelen family (CH-130, Maiden Point). Some time in the early 19th century, John A. Matthews acquired the property. By 1842, Matthews had died leaving three children William B., Amelia, and Thomas Matthews along and one adult child, Elizabeth Ann Fergusson as the heirs to his extensive wealth which included two lots in the village of Port Tobacco(CH-372) , one containing a tavern.

Tobacco has been the center of the economy of Southern Maryland for three hundred years. The earliest are square. The structures were framed with hewn timbers and pegged mortise and tenon joints. Sheds, accommodating stripping rooms, were often attached to two, three or four elevations. These barns were characterized by a tall narrow, centered door providing access into the barn. After 1830, barn construction became more uniform. Often these were rectangular with a shed built only on the south side. The introduction of tractors led to the widening of barn doors to accommodate larger wagons.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 122.5

Acreage of historical setting 217

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Maiden Point Farm Tobacco Barn is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 86, Parcel 43.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 10/30/01

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

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city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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county and state

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**Chain of Title:\*\***

May 24, 1950	William Starr to Everett Benjamin and Violet Castle and Hope Samuel and Etta B. Cash to Nellie Tayloe Ross and Bradford Ross. "Maiden Point", "New York" "Edelen's Adventure". Surveyed by Steffens December 7, 1944. First - on Cuckold's Creek 122 ½ a. Second 28a.
May 23, 1950	Deed of Release from William Starr to Everett Benjamin and Violet Castle and Hope Samuel and Etta B. Cash. Refernces Mortgage of August 23, 1948, Mortgage Records PCM 10:319 ???125
December 11, 1944	Charles Loughran and wife to Everett Benjamin Castle and Hope Samuel and Cash. 150 ½ a. Surveyed TCM 81:9
c. 1940	Last Will and Testament of Leo D. Loughran to brother Charles Loughran GAW 21:76
December 29, 1922	Gertrude L. Reed to Leo D. Loughran, both of Washington D.C., 145 a. more or less WMA 40:40
July 26, 1922	Dion S. and Sarah Miller Birney to Gertrude Reed WMA 39:336
March 24, 1914	Mary E. Reed to Dion S. Birney HCC 27:40
February 1, 1906	Elizabeth M. and J. Adelbert Neale to Mary Elizabeth Reed FDM 17:35
August 17, 1900	Margaret A. Frere, widow of Bannon Frere to Elizabeth M. Neale, nee Frere. 217 acres BGS 11:184
1884	Mary A. Neale and Charles A. Neale, heirs of Barron Frere to Samuel Cox, Jr. and Adrian Posey
1857	Louis and Mary Mackall to Caroline Mackall, all of Georgetown, Washington D.C. Whereas John Matthews of Charles County conveyed to Tuck /Diggss of Prince George County for Thomas Bruce. Value considered paid by Louis Mackall, Sr. 217A. For use of Louis Mackall during his natural life and then to son Quinton Mackall and Mary Mackall. JS 2:190

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- 1848 John Matthews to Daniel Diggs and William H. Tuck of Prince George County. In trust for the use and benefit of Thomas Bruce of Prince George County during his natural life and then in trust for Mary Bruce daughter of Thomas Bruce.  
**WM 3:256**
- 1846 William B., Amelia, Thomas Matthews by John Matthews their father???vs. John R. Fergusson and others. William H. Tuck, attorney for Matthews.  
Elizabeth Ann Fergusson wife of John R. Fergusson are seized as heirs at law of John A. Matthews of Charles County. A tract of land called New York, Edelen's Adventure, Good Luck and Maiden Point containing 117a Ordered to be sold Diggs, attorney for Fergusson  
**WM 1:175**
- 1845 John R. Fergusson and Elizabeth Ann Fergusson, his wife. Petition to divide real estate of John A. Matthews 15 Sept 1845. John A. Matthews died intestate in 1842. Heirs Elizabeth Ann Fergusson of full age and William B., Amelia and Thomas Matthews, minors heirs at law. Commissioner return. John A. Matthews return 27 October 1845. John A. Matthews owned 2 lots in Port Tobacco. 1 acre without buildings and a small lot with tavern, at present much out of repair  
**Court Proceedings WM 1 Equity 506**
- 1783 1783 Tax Assessment, District 1. J. Edelen heirs; 30 a. ; on a creek; no improvements. New York (yard?) [New York] Edelen heirs 188a. Beautiful situation on a creek; a good brick dwelling house and sundry other convenient houses.
- 1778 Value of land of Joseph Edelen, Jr. in possession of Benjamin Jameson?owner of all tracts where father formerly lived containing  
*One dwelling house of brick 45' long and 30' wide with a kitchen 18' long and 14' wide, milkhouse 10' square, meathouse 12' square, henhouse 16 x 10, cornhouse 20x12, meathouse 8' square in need of repair, tobacco house 30 x 24, tobacco house 30 x 20' quarter 20' square in need of repair* AF 7:252, 363; Newman, Gentry, p. 145; Source HR??? Ct. Proceedings?, Test???
- 1759 Richard Edelen of Charles County to grandson Joseph Edelen "New York" on north side of Cuckold's Creek (for Back Creek) being part of a tract formerly taken up by John Mansett and conveyed to me by Benjamin Douglass. Also 1 other tract called Maiden Point beginning at a marked locust post now put up by stump or a cedar, the original boundary tree of said tract standing by the side of St. Raphael's Creek and is the exterior boundary of 500 acres of land formerly granted to John Mansfield....which said two parcels of land are now occupied and possessed by Joseph Edelen.

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1732 Richard Edelen, Gent from Benjamin Douglas of Charles County for 40 sterling and 6,000 lbs tobacco. Part of that tract of land in Charles County called **New York**, being on the north side of Cuckold's Creek formerly called Back Creek, it being part of a tract formerly taken up by John Mansell, the whole being taken up for 500 acres and conveyed by Mansell to James Garner of Charles County who died intestate and without heirs. Same became escheat, this being the westernmost part of the tract....laid out for 188 acres together with all patents and ...all houses, edifices, buildings, structures, etc.  
**M 2:306**

According to Newman, Gentry 131-136 Richard Edelen, Gent. 1671-1760 was the progenitor of Charles County Edelen's. He was an architect, contractor, builder, known then as a carpenter. He married Sarah Hagoe who died some time after 1727, second Anne Neale? Daughter of Raphael Neale??, third Anne Craycroft, widow of Luke Gardiner. He had eight children, most by his first wife Sarah Hagoe. He purchased a large amount of land in St. Mary's and Charles County, much of which was transferred for land in Southeast Charles County. In 1732 he purchased "New York" on North side of Cucold's Creek. At his death he devised to his wife Anne, their dwelling plantation near Zackiah Swamp and lower plantation Edelen's Ammendment. Richard Edelen's eldest son Richard d. 1738 married Margaret, daughter of James and Elizabeth Neale of Wooleston Manor. They had three children. Joseph married Catherine Queen.

1730 Bennett Hoskins to Benjamin Douglas  
**M2:203**

1688 Patent Maiden Point to James Turner 50 acres  
**22:371**

1687 Maiden Point was 50 acres, surveyed in 1687 for James Turner and lying on St. Raphael's Creek; and later possessed by Capt. William Herbert  
**H.C. Forman, Early Manors p. 70**

**\*\*Chain of title initially research by J. Richard Rivoire whose collection is housed in the Southern Maryland Studies Center at the College of Southern Maryland.**



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Name: MAIDEN PT. TOBACCO BARN  
Location: ISSUE VIC.  
Quad: COLONIAL BEACH NORTH



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MAIDEN POINT TOBACCO BARN

CHARLES CO. MD

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C. CONKEY

MD SHPO

LOOKING WEST

lot 2



CH 725  
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CHARLES CO, MD

9/2001

C. CURREY  
MD SHPO

LOOKING EAST  
Lot 2